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## Woman Pleads Guilty to Running Immigration Services Scam

An East Los Angeles woman pleaded guilty today to defrauding more than 30 people out of \$303,550 through her home-based immigration services business, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dalila Moreno (dob 11/23/54) was convicted of 12 felony counts: six counts of counterfeit seal, three counts of forgery, one count of grand theft of personal property, one count of attempted grand theft of personal property and one count of extortion. Moreno also admitted an allegation of taking property valued at more than \$65,000, according to Deputy District Attorney Ryann Gerber Jorban of the Consumer Protection Division, who prosecuted the case.

A sentencing and restitution hearing is scheduled for Dec. 7 in Department 50 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Moreno is expected to be sentenced to nine years in county jail and three years of mandatory supervision under the negotiated plea agreement.

Over several years through 2015, Moreno told her 32 victims she worked for the government and had special government connections, then falsely promised to expedite the processing of visas, resident alien cards and citizenship petitions. She pretended to provide services by creating false visas and passport stamps for which she collected payment from the victims.

Case BA462322 was filed on Oct. 30.

The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division and Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigated the case.

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